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Sale of Arms Kremlin's Trojan Horse

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WASHINGTON — Communist sale of arms to countries in the Middle East—and possibly in Latin America—has been anticipated by top authorities here for some time.

No less a person than Allen W. Dulles, director of the highly hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency, publicly predicted that the Soviet bloc might unload obsolete war equipment as a way to stir up trouble.

Dulles, in a speech before an international group of police chiefs in Philadelphia last Oct. 3, called this Red program "the Kremlin's new Trojan horse."

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The CIA chief, brother of the Secretary of State, emphasized that Russia came out of

**CIA CHIEF DULLES**

He saw it coming

World War II with "a substantial stockpile of obsolescent and now fairly obsolete military equipment."

Many thousands of medium and heavy tanks were among his hoard, he said.

Although a "good share" of this equipment went to China and Indochina, he said, "there remains ample for other parts of the world."

He said he would not be surprised "if we soon heard that countries in this hemisphere were being approached."

There is no evidence that Latin American countries are buying such arms. But it is expected that several of the countries below the border might be interested in acquiring some of the equipment if it comes as cheaply as believed here.

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Because of the Dulles warning, some thoughtful sources here feel that the United States may have over-dramatized the Czechoslovakian deal with Egypt in order to spotlight this new Red technique of infiltration.

The equipment, if it is as represented, might be useful for muscle-flexing exercises. But how effective it would be in a battle is debatable.

Still, the Communist sales and offers in the Middle East have stirred up enough diplomatic agitation to alarm Western officials.

It is quite likely that the matter will be discussed at the Geneva conference at the end of this month, even though it is not officially on the foreign ministers' agenda.

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